

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Volker Sauermann      Examiner: Unknown  
 Serial No.: 10/559,513      Group Art Unit: Unknown  
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 Title: METHOD AND COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR QUERY OPTIMIZATION

Mail Stop Missing Parts  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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| TOTAL CLAIMS                        | 28-20     | 8         | x 50.00 =  | \$400.00  |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                  | 3-3       | 0         | x 200.00 = | \$0.00    |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED |           |           |            | \$0.00    |
| BASIC FEE                           |           |           |            | \$300.00  |
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By: William G. Hughes  
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Name

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